

**Government of the District of Columbia
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: NOV 17 2005

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement: "Metabolic Disorder Amendment Act of 2005"

REFERENCE: Draft Resolution to be Introduced

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Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed resolution amends the District of Columbia Newborn Screening Requirement Act of 1979, which requires all hospitals and birthing centers to make various screening tests available to all newborns in the District. The proposed legislation will require providers to perform the metabolic screening test on all newborns instead of simply making the test available.

Financial Impact

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2006 through FY 2009 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. This legislation will require no additional resources because most newborns are covered by Medicaid or private insurance, and District providers are already required to provide care for indigent patients.